Abstract of the Disclosure

A process of checking the authorization and authenticity of an application provided by a user includes authenticating an application authentication file against a domain administrator's public membership key. An application executable is then hashed, and the application hash result is compared to an authentication hash contained in the application authentication file. At this point, services are denied to the application if the application hash and the authentication hash do not match. Configuration assignments in the application authentication file are decoded if the application hash and the authentication hash match. The decoded configuration assignments are compared to the user's configuration assignments. Services are provided to the application if the result of the decode is favorable. Services are denied to the application if the result of the decode is not favorable.